

I know other Americans join me in wishing Harold Burson many more years of health, happiness and fulfillment.

The letters follow.

U.S. SENATE,
Washington, DC, March 9, 2001.
Mr. HAROLD BURSON,
Founding Chairman, Burson-Marsteller,
New York, NY.

DEAR MR. BURSON: It is a privilege for me to join your friends and relatives in saluting you on your eightieth birthday.

For half a century, you have been a pioneer in the public relations profession. The respected firm you founded has set a high standard as a result of your close attention to integrating integrity and credibility. Your lifetime of good works and professional achievement has earned you the respect of your native state of Tennessee.

Please accept my personal best wishes and warmest regards.

Sincerely,

FRED THOMPSON,
U.S. Senator.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, March 19, 2001.

Mr. HAROLD BURSON,
Founding Chairman, Burson-Marsteller,
New York, NY.

DEAR MR. BURSON: Congratulations as you celebrate your 80th birthday surrounded by family and friends.

This special occasion is an excellent opportunity for all who know you to salute your many contributions to the field of public relations and to public service. I hope the future brings you good health and continued success. Laura joins me in sending best wishes.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,
New York, NY, March 21, 2001.

DEAR MR. BURSON: My best wishes to you on the wonderful occasion of your 80th birthday.

May this be a truly joyous and special day as family and friends gather to celebrate this moment with you. I also wish to take this opportunity to commend you for your countless contributions to the public relations industry and the New York City community as well. You are a true pioneer in your field.

Congratulations. On behalf of the residents of New York City, I wish you continued health and happiness.

Sincerely,

RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI,
Mayor.

HONORING GLENN E. SLUCTER AND THE 551ST PARACHUTE INFANTRY BATTALION

• Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the heroic efforts of Mr. Glenn Slucter, a Michigan veteran of the 551st Parachute Infantry Battalion. He and approximately 50 other veterans who served with him received a Presidential Unit Citation on February 23, 2001, at the Pentagon for their heroism during World War II.

It is certainly fitting that Mr. Slucter and his fellow veterans are now being recognized for their brave and ex-

emplary service. Although it has been more than fifty years since the war ended, it is important that their heroic role in the invasion of Southern France and the Battle of the Bulge is finally being acknowledged and honored. This ceremony was a wonderful reminder of the critical part our veterans have played in protecting and preserving our life of freedom.

Mr. Slucter and four of his children traveled to Washington, DC to attend the ceremony. How thrilling it must have been for him and the other members of his unit to renew old friendships and receive the recognition in front of their families and friends that they so richly deserve. I am sure this was an opportunity to reminisce as well as express sorrow for the many members of their battalion who did not make it home.

It is my privilege to join the United States Army in paying tribute to a man who has given so much to his country. I applaud Glenn Slucter for his bravery and his selfless acts during World War II. We should all be proud and grateful for the efforts of Glenn Slucter and the members of the 551st Parachute Infantry Battalion.●

WE THE PEOPLE

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to commend fifteen students from Orofino High School in Orofino, ID: Zach Annen, Hannah Brandt, Joshua Corry, Diana Dangman, Nathan Dobyns, Emily Hall, Harmony Haveman, Jessica Hill, Piper Hope, Stacy Ray, Sarah Spaulding, Heather Veeder, Jessica Weeks, Brian Wilks; and Sam Young.

These students will be in Washington, DC, April 21-23, 2001 to compete in the national finals of the "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" program. These young scholars have worked diligently to reach the national finals and through their experience have gained a deep knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and values of our constitutional democracy.

I also like to recognize their teacher, Cindy Wilson, for helping prepare these young students.

"We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution" is one of the most extensive educational programs in the country. It has been developed specifically to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition is modeled after hearings in the United States Congress and consist of oral presentations by high school students before a panel of adult judges. The students' testimony is followed by a period of questioning by the simulated congressional committee. The judges evaluate students on their depth of understanding and ability to apply their constitutional knowledge.

The 250th anniversary of James Madison's birth in 1751 offers an appropriate opportunity to examine his contributions to American constitutionalism and politics. To this end, the Center for Civic Education has collaborated with James Madison's home, Montpelier, to produce a supplement to "We the People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution." The national finals will include questions on Madison and his legacy.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the "We the People . . ." program has provided curricula materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels for more than twenty-six and a half million students nationwide. The program provides students with a working knowledge of our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the principles of democratic government. Members of Congress and their staff enhance the program by discussing current constitutional issues with students and teachers and by participating in other educational activities.

The class from Orofino High School is currently conducting research and preparing for the upcoming national competition in Washington, DC. I wish these young "constitutional experts" the best of luck at the "We the People" national finals.●

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO LADY LOBOS BASKETBALL TEAM

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to salute a team of special women who are champions in the eyes of the residents of my home State of New Mexico. I am paying tribute to the University of New Mexico's Lobo Women's Basketball team, which came up one point short of winning the Women's National Invitation Tournament last night.

The Ohio State Buckeyes women's team battled the Lady Lobos on their home court, at "the Pit" in Albuquerque, one of the most phenomenal basketball sites in the country. There, the Lady Lobos and the Buckeyes wowed the fans with an exciting 62-61 game. Despite the heartbreaking end, the Lobo women had a fantastic year worthy of any trophy and our admiration.

This team has helped to move women in this sport forward by leaps and bounds, providing an outstanding example of dedication, talent and hard work for young girls in my State. Their hard work in the NIT tournament builds on a distinguished history of collegiate women's basketball. Back in 1972 President Richard Nixon signed into law title IX, which stated that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in any educational program or activity that receives federal assistance. That same year, the

Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women held its first women's collegiate basketball championship.

Fast forward to the year 2001, where today unprecedented numbers of young girls and women are playing basketball as part of their overall education. I believe it is outstanding that the UNM Lady Lobos are able to repeatedly played before a sold out audience of more than 18,000 screaming fans.

Wednesday night's title game should not be viewed as a disappointment, because I believe the excitement the Lady Lobos generated across New Mexico can only serve as motivation for next year. The Lobo women, who finished the season 22-13, are also an inspiration for the elementary, middle and high school girls who watched their successful season. They can believe, like the UNM Ladies basketball team's future, that the sky is the limit.

I believe the Lady Lobos have embarked on a tradition of greatness, which is no small feat considering their newness on the scene. Despite the discontinuation of the program from 1987 to 1991, the players have since shown us their determination and delivered games of pure excitement. In the last four years, the average game attendance for the UNM women has skyrocketed and kept pace with the best teams across the nation. This is testimony to the interest that this women's team has brought to the game.

On behalf of thousands of admiring fans, I extend my congratulations and thanks to the University of New Mexico Lobo Women's Basketball team for their successful year. I salute Coach Don Flanagan and his team: Jordan Adams, Susan Babcock, Jasmine Ewing, Melissa Forest, Cristal Garcia, Chelsea Grear, Nikki Heckroth, Molly McKinnon, Lauren McLeod, Miranda Sánchez, Jennifer Williams, and Britany Wolfgang. We are proud of the team and its accomplishments.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1255. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Congressional Justification Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2002"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1256. A communication from the Program Manager of the Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Country of Origin Statements on Distilled Spirits Labels" received on March 26, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1257. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue

Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2001-28) received on March 27, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1258. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report concerning voting practices at the United Nations for 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1259. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VISAS: Nonimmigrant Visa Fees—Fee Reduction for Border Crossing Cards for Mexicans Under Age 15" (RIN1400-AA97) received on March 27, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1260. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, a report on nuclear nonproliferation in South Asia for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1261. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV01-959-1 IFR) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1262. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Reduction in Production Cap for 2001 Diversion Program" (Doc. No. FV01-989-1 FIRA) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1263. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Increased Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV01-955-1 FR) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1264. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ethametsulfuron Methyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6773-7) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1265. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Telemedicine for 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1266. A communication from the Director of the Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1267. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the re-

port of a rule entitled "Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure of Underground Coal Miners" (RIN1219-AA74) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1268. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diesel Particulate Exposure of Underground Metal and Nonmetal Miners" (RIN1219-AB11) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1269. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding the Department of Defense's failure to provide records that relate to the decision to support the United Nations peacekeeping operations in East Timor, Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1270. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the delay of a report regarding the evaluation of benefits of the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan Open Enrollment Demonstration Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1271. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1272. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the single-function cost comparison of the Air Combat Command Communications Group; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1273. A communication from Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Full Approval of Operating Permits Program in Washington" (FRL6952-3) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1274. A communication from Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Conversion of the Conditional Approval of the 15 Percent Plan and 1990 VOC Emission Inventory for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Ozone Nonattainment Area to Full Approval" (FRL6961-4) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1275. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL6961-9) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1276. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs); Return of PCB Waste from U.S. Territories Outside the Customs Territory of the United States" (FRL6764-9) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1277. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule